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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, EG CY
SUBJECT: KYPRIANOU REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH SADAT

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1. SINCE I WAS MEETING WITH SADAT THIS MORNING, I
THOUGHT I WOULD ASK HIM ABOUT THE REPORTED KYPRIANOU
MESSAGE SUGGESTING A MEETING. HAD SUCH A MESSAGE
INDEED BEEN RECEIVED?

2. SADAT SAID SUCH A MESSAGE HAD BEEN RECEIVED. HE
WAS NOT SURE HOW IT WAS COMMUNICATED, BUT SAID THAT
HE HAD ALREADY REPLIED TO KYPRIANOU. KYPRIANOU MESSAGE
HAD SPOKEN OF FRG COUNSELOR'S CONSPIRATORIAL EFFORTS
AGAINST HIM (PRESUMABLY A REFERENCE TO PAPAPETHROU
REPORT). IT HAD ALSO SUGGESTED THAT A MEETING BE HELD
ANYWHERE THAT SADAT MIGHT WISH IN ORDER TO DISCUSS
KYPRIANOU'S PROPOSAL THAT GOE AGREE NOT TO HAVE THE
SIBAI MURDERERS EXECUTED. INSTEAD THEY WOULD BE SEN-
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TENCED TO LIFE TERMS IN PRISON. SUCH A SOLUTION,
KYPRIANOU HAD INDICATED, WOULD EASE PLO AND OTHER
PRESSURES ON HIM.

3. SADAT HAD REPLIED THAT KYPRIANOU'S PROPOSAL IS NOT
ACCEPTABLE TO HIM. THE SIBAI ASSASSINS SHOULD BE
EXECUTED BY THE CYPRUS GOVERNMENT OR HANDED OVER TO

EGYPT FOR APPROPRIATE PUNISHMENT. UNTIL ONE OR THE OTHER IS DONE, SADAT SAW NO PURPOSE IN A MEETING WITH KYPRIANOU. MOREOVER, UNTIL THIS IS DONE, GOE CONTINUES TO REGARD KYPRIANOU SOLELY AS THE HEAD OF THE GREEK CYPRIOTS, NOT RPT NOT AS THE PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS.

4. IN MENTIONING ABOVE, SADAT DISMISSED KYPRIANOU AS WEAK AND INDECISIVE. HE LAMENTED THE PASSING AWAY OF MAKARIOS, WHOM HE TERMED A STRONG LEADER AND A LONG-TIME FRIEND OF EGYPT. EILTS

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